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REMARKS

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect to pursue the invention of Group I, Claims 1-13, directed to a cell culture/transfection device, classified in Class 435, subclass 305.2. As a further response to the communication and Applicants' election of Group I, the species of proteins is elected from Claim 7. Consequent to the above, Applicants further elect the species of gelatin from Claim 8. These elections are made without traverse.

Note that Applicant intends to request rejoinder of the method claims of Groups III and IV, upon indication of allowable subject matter for the Group I claims. Accordingly, claims 27 and 51 have been amended to maintain dependency on the elected product claims and to include the limitations of the product claims. Additional support for the amendment is found throughout the specification, particularly at paragraphs 0041-0042, 0045-0046 and 0051.

This election is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-13 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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